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**CITY OF ROCKLAND.**

IN COMMON COUNCIL, APRIL 8, 1873.

*Ordered*, The Board of Aldermen concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Printing be and are hereby instructed to cause to be printed, for the use of the City Council, five hundred copies of the Mayor's Address and accompanying Reports.

**Read and passed. Sent up for concurrence.**

**Attest:**                      ENOCH DAVIES, *Clerk.*

**Read and passed in concurrence.**

Attest : CHAS. A. DAVIS, *City Clerk.*

A true copy.      Attest:      CHAS. A. DAVIS, *City Clerk.*

## MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

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*Gentlemen of the City Council:—*

We have assembled to-day as representatives of the people of our thriving city, to perfect the organization of the City Government, which is to manage the municipal affairs for the present year.

Long established custom has made it the duty of the chief executive officer to make such suggestions to you, and to so present the present condition of public affairs, as shall enable you to form some idea of the wants of the city, for the year just commencing.

I therefore am pleased to meet you at this time and to make such suggestions as the occasion seems to require.

In my message to the last City Council, I suggested the advantages to be derived from having the reports of the several departments made prior to the organization of the incoming City Government. Upon this no action was taken, consequently it is impossible for me to give you such information as I should desire. I now renew the suggestion then made, being satisfied that statements made from unauthenticated sources are unprofitable.

It is gratifying to know that at the close of the municipal year just passed, the appropriations and receipts have been more than sufficient to meet the expenditures for the year, and that the city debt has been materially diminished.

Taking into consideration the heavy rains which continued during the summer and fall, and the prevalence of such a fear-

ful disease as the small-pox, which visited us, but which, however, by the vigorous action of the Board of Health, and citizens generally, was promptly checked, requiring in the one instance a great outlay to keep the streets in even a passable condition, and in the other, the erection of a hospital furnished for the comfort of patients, the employing of nurses and medical attendance, and various other necessary outlays which were not anticipated. I say with a feeling of pride and not of boasting, that those intrusted with the management of affairs during the past year have merited the approbation of the people.

## FINANCES.

The City Treasurer's report, when presented, will give you an accurate statement of the standing of the city finances, but I will here inform you that the city debt is in round numbers, about \$153,000.

Temporary debt due on call about \$18,000.

The rate of taxation the last year was 2 1-8 per cent., being the same rate as the previous year.

Decrease during the year of the debt \$10,000, being amount authorized, which added to the unexpended balances of appropriations, will amount to nearly \$12,000.

The appropriations made during the year, amounted to \$72,900, upon which the tax was based.

No Auditor having been chosen as suggested by me, whose duty would be to present a detailed statement of the expenditures, appropriations and receipts, I will furnish you with some data, which should be presented to you by some one. The City Treasurer has usually done this, although it certainly is not obligatory upon him to do so.

## HIGHWAY FUND.

Appropriated,	\$8,000 00	
Orders drawn,	\$9,669 87	
Overdrawn,		\$1,669 87

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriated,	\$3,000 00	
Orders drawn,	3,257 13	
Overdrawn,		257 13

## POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriated,	\$3,500 00
Orders drawn,	3,325 21

Unexpended,	174 79
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## PAUPER FUND.

Appropriated,	\$5,000 00
Orders drawn,	5,637 01

Overdrawn,	637 01
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## SALARY FUND.

Appropriated,	\$3,400 00
Orders drawn,	2,593 00

Unexpended,	807 00
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## INTEREST ON CITY DEBT.

Appropriated,	\$12,000 00
Interest collected,	850 00

	\$12,850 00
Interest paid,	10,110 13

Unexpended,	2,739 87
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## SCHOOL FUND.

Appropriated,	\$10,000 00
Received from State,	3,387 28

	\$13,387 28
Orders drawn,	12,650 00

Unexpended,	737 28
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## NEW ENGINES FUND.

Appropriated,	\$3,500 00
Orders drawn,	3,427 70

Unexpended,	72 30
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## RESERVOIR FUND.

Appropriated,	\$1,500 00
Expended,	300 00

Unexpended,	1,200 00
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## GRAVEL FUND.

Appropriated,	\$600 00	
Expended,	561,18	
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Unexpended,		38 82

## DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Appropriated,	\$6,000 00	
Discount made,	6,332 43	
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		\$332 43

## SURVEY OF STREETS.

Appropriated,	\$400 00	
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Unexpended,		400 00

## CONTINGENT FUND.

Appropriated,	\$6,000 00	
Received from other sources,	8,263 91	
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	\$14,263 91	
Orders drawn,	\$15,520 31	
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Overdrawn,		1,256 40

## KNOX &amp; LINCOLN R. R.

From a circular received from the President of the Knox & Lincoln Rail Road, by order of the Directors, we shall be called upon to raise the present year \$31,536.54, that being, I presume, the proportion due from the city of \$100,000 which the Directors estimate will be required to meet the interest due on coupons of bonds issued by cities and towns, in aid of the road ; but of the sum of \$100.000, no more is to be called for or paid than may be absolutely necessary for the payment of such part of the coupons as the net earnings of the road may fail to pay. The payment of the coupons on said bonds coming due Feb. 1, 1873, having been provided for. The amount of coupons due, including those of March, 1874, will be \$157,950.

The Directors recommend that the cities and towns authorize loans for their proportions, and the issue of bonds for the same, redeemable in five years and payable in ten years, with semi-annual coupons attached at 6 per cent. per annum, to be de-

livered to the Treasurer of the company, upon his receipt for so much money paid by cities and towns on account of the coupons, the bonds to be delivered from time to time as required to pay such part as the company may be unable to meet.

In looking over this important matter carefully, my opinion is that instead of issuing bonds on five years, redeemable in ten, to be delivered to the Railroad Co., a loan should be authorized for a portion of the amount required and the balance be raised by taxation. If a loan be authorized the bonds might be issued payable in five years and redeemable in nine—as the City Treasurer's report will show that there will be but a small portion of our loan coming due in 1878 and 1882—or the time to run be left optional with the City Treasurer. The money so raised to be passed over to the company as needed. The standing of our finances is so good that the amount authorized to be raised by loan can be, without doubt, negotiated in Rockland at par. This matter will, of course, call for your best and most careful consideration.

#### AUDITING ACCOUNTS.

I would here renew my previous suggestion that an Auditor of Accounts be chosen. An extract from an ordinance of a neighboring city will convey the idea I wish to express in recommending it.

“That it shall be the duty of the Auditor of Accounts to lay before the City Council annually, at such time as the Council may direct, an estimate of the amount of money necessary to be raised for the ensuing year, under the respective heads of appropriation, and shall also annually at such time as the council may direct, make and lay before said council, a statement of all the receipts and expenditures of the past financial year, giving in detail the amount of appropriation and expenditure for each specific object, the receipts from each source of income, the whole to be arranged, as far as practicable, to conform to the accounts of the City Treasurer; and said statement shall be accompanied by a schedule of all the property belonging to the city, and an exhibit of debts due from the city.”

#### SCHOOLS.

Our schools were never in a more flourishing condition than

at the present time. The teachers have devoted their time and energies to their arduous duties with fidelity and self-devotion, neglecting nothing which would benefit those under their charge, while the scholars have shown their desire, by close application to their books and a punctual attendance at school, not only to assist their instructors, whose interests were secondary to their own, but to perfect themselves in those things which are to qualify them for the responsible duties of life. The number of registered scholars during the year was about 2,400—with a slight falling off in the average attendance from last year, which was caused by unavoidable circumstances. During the year a small school-house was erected in the 7th Ward (on the road leading to Sherer's Mill), to accommodate those who were too young to endure the fatigue of attending the school at the Middle street school-house. The good result has been more than was expected.

The cost of the building was \$492.35.

Work on foundation, banking building, &c., \$54.05.

The school houses throughout the city are in good condition and will require but a small outlay the present season. Trees should be planted upon the High School House lot, as nothing at so small an expenditure can improve the appearance of this substantial edifice more than beautiful shade trees.

The amount appropriated for schools was	\$10,000 00
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Received from other sources,	3,387 28
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	\$13,387 28
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Expended,	12,650 00
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Leaving a balance unexpended of	\$737 28
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A balance of \$581 remained in the hands of the Agent at the commencement of the year, which amount was not paid into the treasury, but was used in connection with the amount drawn during the year.

#### STREETS.

Year after year, large expenditures have been made upon our streets, and unless some new plan for improving their condition is devised, the usual or additional appropriations will annually

be required. What then should be done? My suggestion would be to choose a committee of the most practical and able men to be found in our city, who should investigate the subject thoroughly, and present such ideas as they may be able to obtain. From their report the desired information might be arrived at, or at least some facts would undoubtedly be presented of value.

I would suggest the propriety of reducing the present number of Street Commissioners to either one or two. If two, I think one should have control of the highways in the 7th Ward only, or in the 7th, 1st and 2d Wards, and the other in the remaining Wards. If but one should be chosen, he should be paid a yearly salary and be held responsible for the faithful performance of his duties.

In making these suggestions I would not detract from the merits of the present commissioners, for they have labored with ability; the unprecedented wet season greatly interfered with their operations, but I think that where a smaller number can perform the duties in as judicious a manner, the reduction should be made as a matter of economy. I renew my previous suggestions regarding granite street crossings.

The amount appropriated for streets, &c., was	\$8,000 00
Expended as per accounts,	9,669 87

Overdrawn,	\$1,669 87
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From this should be deducted bills unpaid at the commencement of the year and paid from the fund,	758 98
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Actual over expenditure for the year,	\$910 87
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There are, however, two outstanding accounts which have not been presented.

More plank sidewalks were built during the year (and built in a substantial manner) than for many previous years, on North Main, Lime Rock, Maverick and other streets.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

From the report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, which was presented several days since, much valuable

information may be obtained. I heartily concur with his suggestions.

During the year two first-class hand engines were purchased, with a sufficient quantity of rubber hose. It was intended to sell the old engines, *Dirigo* and *Defiance*, together with the hose attached to each, expecting to realize enough from the sale to pay for the new hose, costing \$1,415, for which no appropriation was made, but no sale has been effected. The *Defiance* has been placed at Blackington's Corner and a company formed there, where good service has been rendered.

The sale of the "*Dirigo*" and the old hose is recommended.

The *Defiance* engine house has been removed to another locality and has been thoroughly repaired, although not repainted, at an expense of \$590.76, which amount includes grading of lot, water and Gas Co.'s bill, amounting to \$108.47.

The city has shown a commendable liberality with the firemen, but their value cannot be too highly prized. They have always been found at their post of duty, and have battled manfully to protect the property of the citizens (even at the risk of their own lives), justly meriting the confidence of all. More hose will be required for steamer No. 1 soon. I think the building of additional reservoirs should be provided for.

#### POOR.

The management of the Alms House by the excellent superintendent, under the direction of the Overseers of the Poor, has been admirable, and those upon whom fortune has not seemed to smile, who by sickness or other unavoidable circumstances have been compelled to be cared for by the city, have the consolation of knowing that they have been kindly treated and their wants well supplied.

#### POLICE.

The City Marshal and the police force under his supervision are entitled to great praise for the ability and fidelity with which they have discharged the delicate and responsible duties entrusted to their care.

The security of our property is largely due to their vigilance and watchfulness, and the promptness and impartiality with

which they have executed the penal laws, and especially the laws relating to drunkenness and the sale of intoxicating liquors, have won for our city a reputation for good order and sobriety of manners, which it is believed is not surpassed, if it is equaled, by any community in the State.

A want long felt has been supplied by effecting a lease (upon a term of 10 years) with Messrs. Berry & Cobb for an office with a fire proof vault attached, in which are placed all the city records and valuable papers, which are now considered safe from fire. The office is occupied by the City Treasurer.

#### RAILROAD EXTENSION.

The extension to tide water of the Knox & Lincoln Railroad has been made and the wharf, which was left nearly completed late in the season, will be finished early in the spring. We now have the facilities for connecting our city with the eastern section of our State and the British Provinces by steamers, which connection must eventually be consummated.

In conclusion, gentlemen, may I not say that we have reason to feel proud of the prosperous condition which our city has reached. At no previous time has she seemed to be more so. The prospect of future growth is also encouraging. The great demand for our principal article of export, which this season will be made; the late harmonious action of all who are engaged in its manufacture, the indomitable force and energy of our people must place her where she rightfully belongs, among the foremost places of the State.

Let us, then, work together for the public good and grand results will be more sure to follow.

J. FRED MERRILL.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,  
ROCKLAND, March, 1873. }

*To the Honorable City Council:—*

GENTLEMEN :—I have the honor to submit herewith my account as City Treasurer for the financial year ending March 10, 1873.

Your obedient servant,

LEANDER WEEKS, *Treasurer.*

Rockland, March 15, 1873.

This certifies that we have examined the City Treasurer's accounts for the year 1872, and find them correct and properly avouched for.

O. S. ANDREWS, } *Committee*  
C. A. LIBBY,     } *on*  
                          } *Acct's and Claims.*

### RECEIPTS.

Received on loans,		\$7,360 00
Received on taxes of 1867,	\$262 24	
"    "    "    "  1868,	633 31	
"    "    "    "  1869,	2,314 60	
"    "    "    "  1870,	4,509 46	
"    "    "    "  1871,	7,188 65	
"    "    "    "  1872,	78,473 79	93,382 05
Received of O. G. Hall, Judge of Police Court, fees and fines,		631 52
Received of G. A. Bramhall, City Marshal, fees,		117 77
Received of G. A. Bramhall, City Marshal, licenses,		262 50

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Received of H. B. Ingraham for Bank building,	800 00
Received of J. F. Merrill, Mayor, Flagg property, &c.,	77 25
Received of D. N. Mortland, City Solicitor,	29 76
Received of A. J. Eugley, for mast sold,	3 90
Received of O. S. Andrews, for lot on Grace street,	150 00
Received of Eaton Shaw, discount on liquors,	5 21
Received of Samuel Tibbetts, Liquor Agent,	815 24
Received of O. P. Mitchell, Liquor Agent,	2,548 37
Received of Thos. T. Tate, Liquor Agent,	2,756 79
Received for two copies Eaton's History,	6 00
Received for five lots in Jameson Point Cemetery,	22 00
Received for property sold for taxes,	66 53
Received from State of Maine, Bank tax for 1871,	196 60
Received from State of Maine, Mill tax for 1872,	2,528 03
Received for interest on taxes of 1867,	63 99
"      "      "      "      "      "      1868,	37 84
"      "      "      "      "      "      1869,	204 84
"      "      "      "      "      "      1870,	347 44
"      "      "      "      "      "      1871,	242 56
	896 67
Balance in Treasury March, 1872,	12,595 92
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Total Receipts,	\$125,252 11

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Mayor's Orders, Highway fund,	\$9,296 15
"      "      "      Fire Fund,	2,984 86
"      "      "      Police Fund,	3,349 40
"      "      "      Pauper Fund,	7,210 77
"      "      "      Salary Fund,	2,912 00
"      "      "      School Fund,	9,450 00
"      "      "      New Engine Fund,	3,427 70
"      "      "      Reservoir Fund,	300 00
"      "      "      Gravel Fund,	561 18
"      "      "      Land Damage Fund,	15 00
"      "      "      Contingent Fund,	15,560 29
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	55,067 35
Paid on loans,	28,582 50



Paid interest on loans,	\$10,373 53
Paid State tax in full for 1871,	6,537 17
Paid State tax in part for 1872,	12,528 03
Paid State pensions to sundry persons,	269 86
Paid abatements on taxes,	3,531 44
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Total disbursements,	\$120,632 21
Balance in treasury,	4,619 90
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	\$125,252 11

### LIABILITIES AND RESOURCES.

#### LIABILITIES.

Amount due on Loans,	\$177,324 40
Amount due on Mayor's orders,	6,881 07
Amount due on "Half tax receipts",	344 20
Amount due on State tax for 1872,	7,153 15
Amount due Schools (unexpended),	737 28
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Total liabilities,	\$192,440 10

#### RESOURCES.

Due from State, Bank tax for 1872,	\$	859 27
Due from State, Pensions paid by City,		269 86
Due from State, bounties paid by City,		1,000 00
Due on property sold for taxes,		2,448 22
Due on tax lists of 1867,	\$	558 81
" " " " " 1868,		1,544 90
" " " " " 1869,		2,076 06
" " " " " 1870,		4,954 68
" " " " " 1871,		7,626 22
" " " " " 1872,		13,508 43
		30,269 10
Cash in treasury, per report,		4,619 90
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Total resources,		\$39,466 35
Balance,		152,973 75
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		\$192,440 10

## CITY LOAN.

Amount due on loans March, 1872,	\$198,546,90
Amount received on loans during the year,	7,360 00
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	\$205,906 90
Amount paid on loans during the year,	28,582 50
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Amount due on loans at this date,	\$177,324 40
Due on call,	\$ 17,198 07
Due in 1873,	15,175 00
“ “ 1874,	24,268 00
“ “ 1875,	19,659 33
“ “ 1876,	18,500 00
“ “ 1877,	10,554 00
“ “ 1878,	3,600 00
“ “ 1879,	27,370 00
“ “ 1880,	3,200 00
“ “ 1881,	4,900 00
“ “ 1882,	500 00
“ “ 1883,	30,000 00
“ “ 1884,	1,200 00
“ “ 1889,	800 00
“ “ 1890,	400 00
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	\$177,324 40

LEANDER WEEKS, *Treasurer.*

## REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

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*To the City Council:—*

GENTLEMEN:—The Overseers of the Poor herewith submit their annual report, ending the first day of March, 1873.

### RECEIPTS.

From Mayor's orders,	\$5,637 01	
From supplies at Almshouse, March 1st, 1872,	250 35	
	<hr/>	\$5,887 36

### EXPENDITURES.

*Paid supplies for Almshouse as follows:*

For Fuel,	\$193 36	
“ Dry Goods,	181 77	
“ Provisions,	992 01	
“ Clothing ready-made,	7 10	
“ Boots and Shoes,	38 65	
“ Medicines,	9 17	
“ Stoves, &c.,	113 79	
“ Blacksmith bills,	22 46	
“ Lumber and Nails,	4 92	
“ Wooden ware, &c.,	15 47	
“ Carriage hire,	2 00	
“ Hay,	126 48	
	<hr/>	1,707 18

*Outside the Almshouse as follows:*

For Undertaker's bills,	\$207 75
“ Fuel,	900 86
“ Other towns,	238 94
“ Boarding and nursing,	1,070 39
“ Provisions and Clothing,	959 40

" School Books,	14 08	
" Insane Hospital,	451 02	
" Miscellaneous,	337 74	
	<hr/>	4,180 18
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		\$5,887 36

## ASSETS.

Charged to other towns,	\$436 63	
Produce sold,	6 30	
Supplies at Almshouse,	205 00	
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Total cost for support of domestic poor, \$5,239 43

The number of paupers resident at the Almshouse, March 1st, 1872, was twenty-nine; admitted during the year, thirty-six; total, sixty-five; discharged, twenty-eight; died, two; resident at the Almshouse March 1st, 1873, thirty-five.

Total number of weeks' support at the Almshouse during the year, fifteen hundred and twenty-six; average cost per week, one dollar and twelve cents. This does not include the amount received from the farm.

The number of families outside the Almshouse to whom assistance has been rendered is sixty-five, numbering two hundred and thirty-four persons. The number of single persons assisted who had no lawful settlement in the State is thirty-seven.

We have paid to other towns for the support of paupers one hundred and thirty-three dollars and ninety-four cents.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. S. WIGGIN, } *Overseers*  
G. A. SAFFORD, } *of the Poor.*

## CITY PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

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*To the City Council of Rockland :*

GENTLEMEN :—Agreeably to the requirements of the City Ordinance and agreeably to the custom of my predecessors in office, I herewith submit my report.

In assuming the duties of the City Physician in March last, I found a great many calls made upon my time and services by those who are so unfortunate as to be both sick and dependent upon the city for medical advice and attendance.

More especially during the month of April I found that being a member of the Board of Health, during the prevalence of a slight epidemic of small pox, which was prevented from obtaining a strong foothold, thanks to the prompt and efficient action of the above Board, my time was mostly occupied. Since then, however, no general sickness has prevailed in our midst.

During the year I have attended upon about 128 paupers and indigent persons, both in and outside of the Almshouse, and have furnished medicine at my office to about one hundred and fifty, thus making the sum total of 178 persons attended upon as near as I can estimate, including 25 to 30 at the office. I have made 116 calls at Almshouse, upon 22 different persons, and 260 outside of the house. Of the above number but one has died.

In conclusion allow me to tender my thanks to the several city officials with whom I have come in contact during the year, and especially, Mr. and Mrs. Chandler, who have been both willing and ready to lend me every assistance in their power, and from frequent visits I have had every opportunity of noticing that the poor and sick have every attention that can tend to make the sick and needy comfortable, and I earnestly hope that

# REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY.

## SCHEDULE, WITH ITS APPROXIMATE VALUE.

### CITY FARM.

Farm and buildings,	\$4,000 00	
Furniture, stock, tools, and farming utensils,	850 00	\$4,850 00

### ENGINES AND APPARATUS.

Steam Fire Engine, with hose and attachments,	\$4,000 00	
N. A. Burpee Engine,	1,600 00	
Gen. Berry Engine,	1,600 00	
New hose for Engine,	1,300 00	8,500 00
Defiance Engine, Dirigo Engine, each including their hose,	800 00	1,600 00

### BUILDINGS.

City Hall Building,	\$1,500 00	
Steam Engine Building,	7,500 00	
N. A. Burpee House and lot,	1,200 00	
Gen. Berry House and lot,	2,200 00	
Hook and Ladder House,	50 00	
Stable for City Team,	350 00	
Lockup Building,	500 00	
Furniture and fixtures for the above buildings,	1,500 00	
Pest House, with furniture and attachments,	800 00	15,600 00

### FURNITURE, LOTS, ETC.

Furniture and Library in Police Court Room,	\$150 00
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## Furniture and fixtures in City Council

Rooms,	500 00	
Furniture in Treasurer's, Clerk's and Assessors' offices,	150 00	
Safe in Treasurer's office,	150 00	
Standard scales, weights and measures,	300 00	
Lot on Spring street, occupied by Steam Engine House, City Hall, Lockup, Stable, &c.,	1,000 00	
Jameson's Point Cemetery and improvements thereon,	2,000 00	4,250 00

## CITY TEAM AND ACCOMPANIMENTS.

Two horses,	\$700 00	
Harnesses, wagons, carts, sleds, plough, scrapers, shovels, chains, feed and attendant fixtures,	550 00	1,250 00

## RESERVOIRS.

Reservoirs and hydrants as per estimated cost,	\$4,000 00	4,000 00
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## RAILROAD STOCK.

Subscription to the K. & L. Railroad,	\$100,000 00	100,000 00
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## LIQUORS, ETC.

Liquors, etc., in the hands of the Liquor Agency,	\$1,200	1,200 00
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## SCHOOL HOUSES, ETC.

High Schoolhouse on Lincoln street,	\$25,000 00	
Lot and improvements,	2,000 00	
Oak Grove Schoolhouse,	700 00	
Pine Grove Schoolhouse,	700 00	
Gay Schoolhouse,	400 00	
Summer street Schoolhouse,	600 00	
Grace " "	600 00	
Portland " "	150 00	
Crescent " "	900 00	
Crockett's Point "	350 00	
Blackington's Corner Schoolhouse,	800 00	

Schoolhouse near Timothy Williams's,	500 00	
Middle street Schoolhouse, with lot and improvements,	12,000 00	
New Schoolhouse on Mountain road,	600 00	
Estimated value of lots not included in the above,	1,600 00	
School seats in upper story of City Hall,	350 00	
Library in High Schoolhouse, and school apparatus and fixtures connected therewith,	800 00	
	<hr/>	\$48,050 00
Total estimate of city property,		<hr/> \$189,300 00

For condition of the foregoing list of city property, reference is made to the reports of the officers in charge of the several departments.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

W. H. RHOADES,	}	<i>Committee on City Property.</i>
SILAS FARRINGTON,		
EPHIM. GAY,		

March 10, 1873.



## CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

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*To the Honorable Mayor and City Council :*

GENTLEMEN :—In accordance with the law, I herewith submit my report as Chief Engineer as to the doings and condition of the Fire Department for the municipal year just closed.

The whole number of fires and alarms for the year was twenty, for the particulars of which I would respectfully refer you to the annexed schedule.

The amount of loss by fire up to March 4th, 1873, as nearly as it could be ascertained, was ten thousand, nine hundred dollars, and insurance on same, seven thousand, nine hundred and fifty dollars.

The department has not had any very large fires to contend with during the past year ; neither have the small fires and alarms been sufficiently numerous to awaken any decided interest. Yet a decided interest does exist, and the companies composing the department were never in a more healthy and flourishing condition than at the present time. This interest I attribute in a great measure to the desire on the part of the companies to excel each other in the performance of their duties. This zealousness, no doubt, is owing to the kindness and consideration of your honorable body in furnishing them with new and improved machinery to fight their enemy fire with. The two new and beautiful engines added to the department during the year, are everything that the builders claimed for them, giving their companies as well as myself excellent satisfaction, and in conformity to your orders, on their receipt they were turned over to the companies organized for Dirigo No. 3, and Defiance No. 4, and these two were withdrawn from the department and ordered to be sold, since which time, Defiance No. 4, afterwards changed

to No. 5, has been again attached to the department, and located at Blackington's Corner, Ward 7, and has an excellent company attached to her. The apparatus of the department is in good order, with the exception of the hose cart of Engine No. 3, which is in the shop for repairs, but will be out in a few days. It will be necessary to purchase, the coming year, not less than five hundred feet of leading hose for the Steamer, as a large portion of that now in use is getting poor, and will hardly bear an ordinary water pressure. As good hose is as essential as good engines, I would earnestly recommend your very early attention to this matter.

Should you decide to keep Engine No. 5 at its present location after the year expires for which the present company agreed to furnish housing room, it will be necessary to make some arrangements before the coming winter sets in, as I am of the opinion that a suitable building could not be found in that vicinity, and it might be thought necessary to build a building expressly for her.

Our present system of Fire Alarm is very bad and some other should be adopted. The way the bells are rung now it is almost impossible to distinguish a church service and school bell from a fire alarm bell, and I am of the opinion that there might be a great saving of property by adopting the Fire Alarm Telegraph. Upon a careful comparison of the two systems, the decided advantages of the telegraph will be seen to be such as must overcome all objections as to its cost.

Appropriation was made at the beginning of the year to build two reservoirs, but on account of the very bad condition of the ground, owing to the very heavy rains that prevailed the whole season, it was not considered good policy to undertake the building of them, as it was estimated by experienced men that it would cost double what it would during an ordinary season. But as we need them, I would recommend that they be built the coming season.

The present system of putting in hatchways to the reservoirs, and also the manner of sinking hydrants under the sidewalk, is bad and should be changed; it is more particularly objectiona-

ble during the winter months ; for example, should a snow storm come on during the early part of the night and a fire break out early the following morning, it is impossible to find either hatchway to reservoir or cover to hydrant without a great loss of valuable time, time that perhaps might save thousands of dollars worth of property from destruction. They should both, hatchways and hydrants, be located at the sides of the streets, and project above the surface of the ground not less than one foot, so that they could not be covered with ice and could always be found easily under quite a quantity of snow. I feel that I should not close this report without mentioning the gentlemen who compose the Board of Assistant Engineers, some of whom have been associated with in this department ever since it was first organized. I feel that I am under the deepest obligations to them for the manner in which they have responded to the demands on their time, although serving without pay, and for their assistance and advice in the performance of my duties.

In conclusion, gentlemen, allow me to return you my sincere thanks for the kindly manner in which you have for the past year listened to my suggestions and for the many acts of courtesy and kindness you have extended to me.

I am, gentlemen,

Very respectfully,

J. W. CROCKER, *Chief of Fire Department.*

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SCHEDULE OF FIRES AND ALARMS FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR  
ENDING MARCH 4th, 1873.

April 11, 1872, 6 o'clock, 45 minutes, P. M. General alarm, arising from the taking fire of a small frame house at the foot of Winter street, Ward 5, owned by N. A. Farwell and occupied by John Croony as a dwelling. Extinguished without aid of the department. Cause of fire defective flue.

May 1st, 11 o'clock, 50 minutes, A. M. General alarm, arising from fire being discovered around the chimney of a one-and-a-half story frame building on Brick street, Ward 5, owned and

occupied as a dwelling by James McLaughlin. Extinguished without the aid of the department.

May 30, 6 o'clock, 10 minutes, A. M. General alarm, arising from the total destruction by fire of a small one-story building on Sea street, Ward 4, owned and occupied as a cooper shop by Robert Spaulding. Cause of fire unknown. Loss on shop and contents \$100; no insurance.

June 18th, 1 o'clock 45 minutes, A. M. General alarm, arising from fire being discovered in the second story of Snow's Brick Block, corner of Spring and Main streets, Ward 4. Fire originated in rooms occupied by Dr. J. W. Trussell as a Dentistry, completely burning out the front of part of the second story and burning through the floor in several places in the third story. First story occupied by C. S. Coombs as a restaurant. Damaged by water only, estimated \$350. Insured. Second story occupied by J. W. Trussell and Dr. C. N. Germaine. J. W. Trussell's loss in furniture, pictures, tools, &c., \$2,000. Insured, \$800. C. N. Germaine's loss, by water only, estimated \$200. Insured. Loss on building, \$1,800. Insured. Cause of fire probably spontaneous combustion, arising from oiled waste in a barrel with other inflammable material.

June 18th, 6 o'clock, A. M. General alarm, arising from the previous fire rekindling in the third story; put out by a stream from Engine No. 3.

June 28th, 2 o'clock, A. M. General alarm, arising from the total destruction of a small one-story frame house on Jameson's Point. Owing to long distance and the great length of time that elapsed before the alarm was given, the building was nearly destroyed when the department arrived on the ground. Building owned and occupied by John Britt. Loss estimated \$500. Cause of the fire unknown.

July 12th, at 5 o'clock 15 minutes, A. M. General alarm, arising from the taking fire of a cooper shop on Gregory wharf, Ward 1, owned and occupied by the Cobb Lime Company. Put out by a stream from No. 4, with little damage. Cause of fire, too much *mingling* of cooper shavings, lime and tide water.

July, 13th, 7 o'clock, 20 minutes, P. M. General alarm, arising

from fire being discovered outside of a shed building attached to the Rockland Brass and Iron Foundry, on Front street, Ward 2. Extinguished without the aid of the department.

July 26th. A general alarm, arising from fire being discovered in the roof of the two-story frame block owned by Thomas Frye, on center Main street, Ward 3, which was extinguished after the nearly total destruction of the roof. The building was occupied, first story by W. H. Priest, merchant tailor; W. H. Keene, fancy goods and toys; J. F. Fogler, gentlemen's clothing and furnishing goods, all of whom saved their stocks in a damaged condition. Second story occupied by W. H. Priest as a workshop; A. P. Maker, manufacturer of hand stamps, who lost his entire stock in trade; Warren C. Perrigo, law office, and B. N. Hemenway, architect, damaged by water. Fire supposed to have caught from a tin worker's furnace in the room of Maker. Loss on building, \$1,700. Insured to cover. Loss on contents, \$1,600. Insured, \$1,400.

August 14th, 6 o'clock, 45 minutes, A. M. A general alarm, arising from the taking fire of a small story-and-a-half frame dwelling on Gay street, Ward 3, owned by Annie Corson, and occupied by Elisha Corson. Extinguished with loss of roof. Contents saved; loss estimated, \$500; insured, \$400; cause of fire could not be ascertained.

Oct. 2d, 12 o'clock, 15 minutes, A. M. General alarm, arising from the total destruction, with contents, by fire, of a small one-story frame building on Crescent street, Ward 6, owned by C. W. S. Cobb, and occupied by Thomas Cole as a dwelling. Owing to a heavy storm prevailing, and the long distance off, the department did not arrive on the ground in time to be of any service. Cause of fire unknown. Loss on building, \$300; insured, \$100. Loss on contents, \$200; not insured.

October 11th, 7 o'clock, 15 minutes, P. M. General alarm, arising from fire being discovered issuing from the roof around the chimney of the two-story dwelling house of Hiram Brewster, on Brewster street, Ward 1. Extinguished by a stream from Engine No. 4. Damage estimated one hundred dollars; insured. Cause of fire, accidental taking fire of soot, and chimney heating through.

Oct. 14th, 9 o'clock 25 minutes P. M. False alarm.

Nov. 12th, 1 o'clock, A. M. General alarm, arising from fire being discovered on board a small vessel lying at Spear's wharf. Extinguished by a stream from Engine No. 3. Loss about \$100. Cause accidental.

December 7th, 9 o'clock, 30 minutes, P. M. A partial alarm, from fire being discovered issuing from the roof of a small building at Blackington's Corner, Ward 7, owned and occupied by Isaac Orbeton as a country store. Roof entirely destroyed. Defiance Engine, which had that day been located in that vicinity, although no organized company was attached, was brought into use by the residents in that immediate vicinity, and did such excellent service in staying the fire and saving the surrounding buildings that it was not thought necessary to give a general alarm. Loss on building, \$300; insured. Loss and damage to stock, \$500; insured. The cause of fire could not be ascertained.

Dec. 8th, 12 o'clock, noon. General alarm, arising from fire being discovered in a pile of bituminous coal in the lime shed known as the Hall privilege, Ward 1, owned by the Cobb Lime Company. Put out without the aid of the department. Loss about \$150; insured. Cause of fire, spontaneous combustion.

Dec. 13th, 10 o'clock, 45 minutes, P. M. General alarm, arising from fire being discovered in the Cooper shop owned and occupied by Ames & Crockett, Front street, Ward 1. Put out with small loss. Damage estimated at \$100; insured.

Dec. 18th, 12 o'clock, 15 minutes, A. M. General alarm, arising from accidental taking fire of the weather shed on lime kiln owned by heirs of John Spear, and occupied by Cobb Lime Co. Services of the department not needed.

Jan. 10th, 1873, 8 o'clock, P. M. General alarm, arising from smoke seen issuing from a one-story and basement building foot of Winter street, Ward 5, owned by the Cobb Lime Co., and occupied, basement as a cooper shop, and main floor as a store-room. Originated from chimney taking fire, and ignited soot dropping down on some rubbish in fire-place in upper room.

Jan. 22d, 5 o'clock, 30 minutes, A. M. General alarm, arising from the nearly total destruction of a one-and-a-half-story frame building in rear of Thorndike Hotel, on Sea street, Ward 4. Loss about \$250; no insurance. Cause probably incendiary.

## SCHOOL AGENT'S REPORT.

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Rockland, March 25, 1873.

*Gentlemen of the City Council:—*

The following is a true account of my receipts and expenditures as School Agent for the City of Rockland, for the year ending at the above date.

Received from former agent,	\$ 581 46
Appropriated by the city,	10,000 00
Received from the State mill-tax,	2,528 05
Received from the State Bank tax,	858 25
Tuition for scholars non-resident,	38 30
Received from other sources,	3 00
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Total,	\$14,010 06

### EXPENDITURES.

Paid teachers,	\$10,015 25
“ janitors,	510 05
“ for cleaning, &c.,	146 42
“ “ repairs,	404 66
“ “ fuel and fitting,	973 16
“ “ printing and furnishing,	494 19
“ Agent and Supervisor,*	800 00
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Total expended,	\$13,323 73
Balance in Treasury \$737 30 less	
\$50 97 due Agent,	686 33
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	\$14,010 06

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\*Heretofore paid from Salary Fund.

## PRESENT RESOURCES.

Balance in the Treasury,	\$737 30
Tuition due on former bills,	42 35
Tuition due on bills the past year,	16 75
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Total,	\$796 40
Less amount due Agent,	50 97
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	\$745 43

It will be necessary for the city to make a small appropriation for the purchase of the lot for the new schoolhouse in Ward 7, fencing it, and for painting the house. Oak Grove lot needs grading and fencing, and also the lot at Pine Grove. The lot on Lincoln street should be fenced and set with trees as soon as the city can afford it. With these exceptions, the Agent will be able to keep the school buildings in good repair through the year, with the percentage allowed by law on the school appropriation.

Respectfully submitted.

A. L. TYLER, *Agent*.



## CITY SOLICITOR'S REPORT.

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*To the City Council of the City of Rockland :*

I herewith submit my report as City Solicitor for the municipal year just closed.

At the commencement of my term of office, one suit was pending in the Supreme Judicial Court, in which the city was a party, viz :

*Moses W. Farwell vs. City of Rockland.* Suit to recover balance of salary at the rate of five hundred dollars per year as Police Judge. This suit was submitted to the law court, on facts agreed, at the May Term, 1872, and there argued. No decision has yet been announced.

The following suits have been entered and disposed of during the year :

*B. N Hemenway vs. City of Rockland.* This was a suit to recover the sum of 25 dollars for drawing plan of Engine House. The case was tried at the December Term, and a verdict rendered against the city for the sum of \$19.08 and quarter costs, amounting to \$4.77.

*Enoch S. Philbrook vs. City of Rockland.* Suit to recover for service, as special Police Officer, two years, at the rate of twenty-five dollars per year. Settled for forty dollars, without costs.

There is now no suit at law, pending in any court, in which the city is directly interested, except the one first mentioned.

Respectfully submitted,

D. N. MORTLAND, *City Solicitor.*

## CITY MARSHAL'S REPORT.

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*Gentlemen of the City Council :—*

In compliance with the ordinance defining the duties of my office, I herewith submit a report of the number of arrests made in the city for the year ending March 13th, 1873, with the causes thereof, together with a statement of the amounts collected by me in behalf of the city and of the condition of the police service.

The whole number of arrests during the year has

been

195

The causes of arrests have been as follows :

Drunkenness,	159	
Larceny,	6	
Assault and battery,	14	
Selling intoxicating liquors,	6	
Malicious mischief,	2	
Breaking and entering,	1	
Keeping house of ill-fame,	1	
Adultery,	1	
Insane,	2	
Disturbing the peace,	2	
Sent to the Reform School,	1	
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Number of lodgers,	52	
Amount collected for licenses,	\$262	50
Amount of fees in Police Court,	117	77
Received from county,	10	50
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Total,	\$390	77

I have made 20 seizures of intoxicating liquors during the

year. The whole quantity of liquor obtained on these seizures is 389 gallons, all of which has been destroyed.

The present police force of the city consists of a Marshal and four policemen, one of the latter also serving as Deputy Marshal. The Deputy Marshal and two of the policemen are regularly employed as a night watch, while the Marshal and one police officer comprise the day police. There are also eight special or unsalaried policemen appointed, to act in any exigency demanding their services. I have had little occasion for the services of these officers, but they have always been willing to assist me when needed. Some of them have been called out a few times during the year.

In concluding my report, I would recommend that the salaried police force should consist of a Marshal and four policemen, as at present employed.

I would also recommend that, during the present year, a new lockup be built, or the old one repaired, for as it is now, it is a disgrace to the city.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. A. BRAMHALL, *City Marshal.*

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

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*To the City Council of Rockland :*

GENTLEMEN :—The Superintending School Committee in presenting their annual report, take pleasure in announcing that the school year ending March, 1873, has been a successful one, and, although the attendance has been somewhat affected by the breaking out of the small pox in our midst at two different times, compares favorably with that of other cities.

Many of our pupils also have left our schools the past year, to work in the Shoe Factory just erected here. This we fear will be a permanent cause of reduction in our school attendance. But the attendance cannot affect the character of our schools or the quality of our teaching, and we feel justified in saying that they are, in the main, in a prosperous condition ; a condition not inferior to that of any past period of their history. In fact the standard of our schools is gradually advancing, and in every grade, and in nearly every school, there have been improvements in teaching, and more thorough work has been done. No grade has partaken more largely of these improvements than the Primary, and in no grade perhaps were they more needed.

The opinion that any person who has received a common school education is qualified to teach a Primary school, has prevailed among us quite too long, and some of our schools have suffered in consequence. The true interest of these schools requires the very best teaching talent, and it is absurd to expect a young and inexperienced teacher to teach one of our large Primary schools, with any degree of success, without some special preparation.

A merchant would not think of trusting his business in the

hands of another, because he had graduated from some college. Special preparation and a little experience in the business would be of far more value in his eyes as a recommendation.

Heretofore we have generally employed graduates from our High School as teachers of our Primary schools; and this we think is well, as it induces many of our scholars to complete the course and graduate that otherwise would not. Although we may justly be proud of our High School, and of the work there accomplished, yet the education obtained is of so general a character, that it does not specially fit one for teaching. The pupils are required to *receive* instruction, not to *impart* it, and before they can become teachers, they must learn to impart, either by special training or by actual experience.

We would recommend, therefore, that those graduates desirous of becoming teachers in our city, before offering themselves as such, should attend some Normal school, where they will receive such instruction as will in some degree prepare them for their work. Or, if unable to do this, we would recommend that they should select one of the best of our Primary schools, and attend it one or more terms, as constantly as the pupils do, taking special notes, and frequently assisting the teacher in her labors, or taking charge of the school a day or part of a day at a time. Accurate and skillful teaching in this department is of the greatest importance. Here the foundations are laid on which the whole superstructure is to be built. Here the germs which are to produce all the exuberant growth of a future education, are first wakened into active life by the genial influence of the true teacher. When the faculties of the mind begin to unfold, curiosity leads the pupil to ply his teacher with questions, and that school may be said to be in a healthful condition whose pupils ask questions that even the teacher cannot answer. If, just here, some new truth is unfolded to the mental vision, pleasing emotions are excited and impressions deep and lasting are made upon the memory.

While the mind is in this plastic condition, the teacher should inculcate a love of study, and the habits of attention and punctuality should be established, and although the teaching is chief-

ly oral, the pupil should be taught *how* to study. We would not, however, be understood to under-estimate the training of the outer faculties, the senses. One-half that is learned in our Primary schools is learned by observation. There is no reason why certain characters should represent certain sounds or certain numbers, nor why combinations of them should represent certain ideas, except that that they are so used by common consent. The most of reading, spelling, geography, &c., that is learned in our Primary schools, therefore, must be learned by observation. When we read, we recognize the words by observation, and judge of the matter by recollection, comparison, and reflection. As in this case observation acts first, so should the child first be taught by observation. Order or arrangement should be strictly observed in teaching, so that the pupil will have the benefit of association in calling to mind that which otherwise could not be recollected ; but strict care must be taken that this does not degenerate into mere "rote recitation."

Now these, and a hundred other things, should be somewhat understood before one attempts to teach ; and even then difficulties will arise, which will almost overwhelm the inexperienced.

But something more than a good education is necessary to make one a successful teacher.

We teach and we are taught by something that is never uttered in language. This teaching, noiseless and constant in its operations, is charged with moral power, and is most potent in its influence upon the character of the taught. A well tempered soul, an acute moral sense, a keen appreciation of honor and justice, a love of truth, all beam through the eye, modulate the voice, and animate the whole being, and all within the reach of its influence, except the most obdurate, are permeated by it, and melted into harmony and obedience. A bond of sympathy is thus established between the teacher and pupil by which the teacher's labors are made easy, and the child's duties a work of love. Our children are being educated, every day, morally as well as mentally, and they recognize the moral qualities of every act that comes under their observation as accurate-

ly as "children of a larger growth;" and it is as impossible for them to dwell in an immoral presence and not be contaminated thereby, as it is to live in an impure atmosphere and not be affected by its poisons. With few exceptions, "as is the teacher, so is the pupil." If the teacher is interested, punctual, tidy, and loves to teach, the pupils will be interested, punctual, tidy, and love to be taught. If the teacher is not interested, often tardy, sometimes absent, and always seems to be waiting for "something to turn up" that school may not keep, then the pupils will be heedless, tardy, often absent, striving to enjoy that life and energy outside, that is wanting in the school-room.

Much honor is due to those teachers who have made earnest efforts to elevate the standard of scholarship in their schools, and to render their instruction more efficient and practical. Esteeming their profession an honorable one, full of grave responsibilities, they endeavor to fit themselves for their work, by constant study and careful preparation. The lessons for the day are carefully reviewed before the work commences, and thus all the teacher's time and attention can be given to the school, and the recitations. Anecdotes, illustrations and stories are ever ready to render the lesson pleasing and attractive. A generous rivalry exists between the teachers of the same grade, which is kept alive by allowing each teacher one day in the term, to visit other schools of the same grade. This rivalry is shared by the pupils, who do their best to support the honor of their schools.

#### TRUANCY.

One of the most troublesome and difficult matters to be dealt with in connection with our schools, is truancy; and but little will be done to remedy this evil, until it is made the *special duty* of some person appointed by the city to take this whole matter in charge. He should be required to call at each school-room at least once a week, at first, and procure a list of all truants, then hunt them up and thoroughly investigate their cases. There may be some children that are sent to school by their parents, who never reach the school-room door, and others who are not sent at all because their parents are unable to properly clothe them, pride forbidding their asking for assistance. Others still

are kept at home by their parents that they may assist in maintaining the family, thus being robbed of their "birthright for a mess of pottage." A little pecuniary aid, kind advice and gentle reproof, no doubt, would send many of these to the school-room. One month's energetic labor by a "live man," at the opening of the next term of school, would set all right. Then the teachers could notify him of any delinquency by dropping a note in a box at his office prepared for the purpose.

#### SCHOOL HOUSES.

A new school house has been built, since the last report, west of the Meadows, of a capacity sufficient to accomodate fifty pupils, if necessary, but at present prepared for only forty. A separate appropriation was made by the City Council for the purpose; the house cost \$492.25 and the foundation, grading, &c., \$46.55. The lot should be laid out, paid for, and fenced at the very earliest opportunity. This house is intended for primary scholars only, living too far from the house at the Meadows. A school was opened in it on the 23d of Sept., consisting of 26 pupils, and continued 13 weeks.

Two new school houses will soon have to be built in the city, one north of Rankin street, and one south of Park street; how soon your wisdom must determine. There is now no Grammar school south of Lincoln street, and we have no doubt that many scholars leave school earlier than they otherwise would, on account of their great distance from school. The house on North Main Street has often been described, and is too well known to require further comment. Suffice it to say that the upper room in this house is so low and ill-contrived, that it is utterly unfit for a school-room, and the lower is little better. But even if we continue to occupy these rooms, still two more rooms are needed in this part of the city, as the the three Primary schools contain 243 pupils—enough for five of 48 pupils each.

A small portion of the lot on Summer Street has been sold, for \$150, and an addition has been made to the lot at Pine Grove, at a cost of \$175. A small house now occupies the addition to Pine Grove lot, which should be removed as soon as may be, and the lot should be drained and fitted for a play ground for the



school. The lot connected with the High School house should be fenced and ornamented with trees, and we can think of no better plan for accomplishing this, at small expense, than that recommended by the committee last year.

The house in what was formerly the old Walsh district is considerably out of repair, and the school consists of eleven pupils averaging five or six. The adjoining district in Camden, a very little larger, proposes to move this house on to or near the line between the towns, repair it, and join the schools in one. If the people of Camden are willing to bear their part in supporting a school a large part of the year, we think the arrangement would be for the benefit of all concerned.

#### NUMBER AND GRADE OF SCHOOLS.

In the city there are at present twenty-five schools, numbering in all 1554 pupils. These schools, excluding one Miscellaneous and one suburban school, are divided into four regular grades, one High, five Grammar, five Intermediate and twelve Primary schools, two of the Grammar schools having Intermediate classes.

The High School consists of four classes, the Grammar schools of three classes, the Intermediate schools of three classes, the Primary schools of two and sometimes three classes, above the primer. Below the first class, the classing in the Primary schools is left almost entirely with the teacher. All above this are passed by regular examination from class to class and from school to school, once a year.

In these schools 32 teachers are employed, including assistants. In the High School the Principal received \$900 for the first two terms, and \$500 for the last term, his salary since January being \$1,500 per year.

Per scholar.

The first Assistant, receives \$10 per week ; Second,

\$8 per week ; Total, \$2047.50.

\$23 54

In the Grammar schools are 7 teachers, males paid

from \$60 to \$75 per month, and the females

from \$8 to \$10 per week. Total, \$2,586.25

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In the Intermediate schools are 6 teachers, paid from

\$8 to \$9 per week. Total, \$1,721.	5 97
In the Primary schools are 13 teachers, paid from \$6 to \$8 per week, nearly all \$7 per week. Total, \$3,163.50.	4 35
In the Miscellaneous school are 2 teachers, the Prin- cipal paid \$75 per month, Assistant \$8 per week. Total \$321.	2 77
The teacher of the mixed school is paid \$6 per week. Total, \$176.	11 50
Amounting in all to \$10,015.25, averaging \$6.67 per scholar.	

And here we would not forget to mention that complaint is made by the teachers, from the highest to the lowest grade of our schools, that they are not adequately compensated for their services. They say they cannot afford to give all their energies and all their time through the best of their lives for the benefit of the public, without something like an equivalent for their labors and their sacrifices. Indeed, we know that our schools suffer to a considerable extent, from the fact that we are often called to part with some of our best teachers, because our school appropriations will not justify us in giving such compensation as is offered elsewhere. True economy would make us liberal enough in our appropriations for our schools, to raise every dollar that could be judiciously and effectively used in educating the rising generation. In fact, it is much cheaper to educate our youth, so that they shall be *good citizens*, than to defray the expense of restraining the vice and crime, largely due to ignorance and lack of moral training, in *bad citizens*. Retrenchment in other matters may be made without materially affecting our prosperity, but retrenchment here is *utter waste*, for the future prosperity of our city depends upon the proper preparation of our children for the active duties of life.

#### HIGH SCHOOL.

At the suggestion of the Principal of this school, some changes were made at the beginning of the year in the order and arrangement of the studies pursued. Physical Geography and U. S. History were dropped from the course, and certain studies were made "optional," so that the different courses

of study might not interfere with each other.

A large addition has been made to the Chemical and Philosophical apparatus, consisting of a fine Plate Electrical Machine, an Insulating Stand, a set of Electrical Bells, a Lightning Plate, a Battery of four Jars, a Leyden Jar, an Electrometer Jar, a Hydrogen Generator, a Fountain Receiver and Jet, &c., &c.

The graduation exercises of the Senior Class took place at the High School room on the 14th of March. The room was filled to its utmost capacity and the strict attention of the audience evinced the deep interest they felt in the exercises. The class manifested their gratitude to their teacher Mr. A. A. Woodbridge, by presenting him a beautiful statuette, accompanying it with appropriate remarks, to which he happily responded.

Eleven young ladies and six young gentlemen composed the class, the largest that ever graduated from our High School.

#### GRADUATES.

Cora Adams, Estelle Keene, Alice Meserve, Sarah Brewster, Luella Richards, Callie Stanley, Armida Hall, Lizzie Hall, Ida Kimball, Mary Haskell, Effie Crockett, Nathan T. Farwell, Alva D. Blackington, Leonard J. R. Campbell, Cyrus W. Clark, Chas. L. Dunning, William T. Cobb.

The large average attendance in this school, the promptness in dispatch of business and the kindly feeling manifested by teacher and pupil, do credit to the present efficient board of instruction.

#### GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

The teachers of our Grammar Schools for the past year, have labored zealously and faithfully. They have presented a class of scholars for promotion to the High School, equal, if not superior to any class heretofore presented for examination. If in some instances they have not accomplished all they desired, yet they have the satisfaction of knowing that they have done their duty.

The class were examined in Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography and U. S. History, having twenty questions in each.

Six of the thirty-five pupils passed to the High School reached above 90 per cent. as follows :

	ARITHMETIC.	GEOGRAPHY.	GRAMMAR.	HISTORY.	AVERAGE.
No. 1,	100	99	100	97	99
No. 2,	100	100	99	95	98 1-2
No. 3,	100	95	95	95	96 1-4
No. 4,	95	98	95	85	93 1-4
No. 5,	100	93	81	99	93 1-4
No. 6,	90	91	86 1-2	93	90

Of the remaining twenty-nine, fifteen reached an average from 80 per cent. to 90 per cent. and fourteen fell below 80 per cent.

The average per cent. attained by the classes passed to the High School the past three years respectively, is given below :

	ARITHMETIC.	GEOGRAPHY.	GRAMMAR.	HISTORY.	AVERAGE.
1870	40 1-2	69 1-5	46 2-3	54 5-7	45 5-9
1871	76 3-5	79 1-2	79	verbal	78 1-3
1872	81 1-2	85 1-9	81	77 1-5	80 1-2

#### INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

Four of our Intermediate schools, Nos. 1, 2, 5 and 6, are in excellent condition. Their teachers, Miss N. I. Burbank, Miss Addie Osgood, Mrs. A. M. Cochran and Miss Caro Packard, are teachers of experience, true and tried. In their schools no time is wasted, and no duties shirked. In Miss Packard's school the class in History deserves especial praise. No. 3, situated on the Point, is quite small and inclined too much to truancy, or unsteady attendance, to keep pace with other schools of the grade. Miss Lawry, the former teacher, resigned her charge about the middle of the last term, and Miss Rebecca Ludwig took her place.

#### PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Six of these schools stand fully one year in advance of what they were three years ago, the second class in each being as well qualified to pass to a higher grade, as was the first class at that time. Nearly all the others have rapidly advanced, but a few have failed to keep step with the onward movement. Change of teachers, lack of energy or *interest* or *other business*, may be

the cause. But our Primary schools are too large for us to realize all that might be accomplished in the same time, had we sufficient room. No teacher can do justice to seventy Primary scholars, much less to a hundred. Even with one more room north of Rankin street, these schools could be partially graded, and much improved. The Primary room at Crescent street is large enough to make two rooms, and this school may be graded. The Primary school on Summer street, No. 5, was divided into two schools at the beginning of the year, of about 50 scholars each and graded, and the result is most satisfactory.

#### MISCELLANEOUS SCHOOL.

This school, taught only in winter, is wholly composed of boys from 14 to 21 years of age, who are not able to attend the other schools in summer, and falling behind their classes, are allowed to attend this school in winter. It numbers 116 pupils and the studies pursued are Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar, Book-keeping and Penmanship, also Reading and Spelling. The term continued 12 weeks, and the percentage of attendance was very good for this school. Mr. J. T. Young has taught the school every term since it was first organized, the last term he was assisted by Miss Helen R. Hewett. The order in this school is excellent, notwithstanding the material of which the school is in part composed. Whatever is entrusted to his care is preserved, and no "wrecks" are found about his schoolroom.

#### MIXED, OR SUBURBAN SCHOOL.

This school is very small, averaging only eight. Two terms of ten weeks each were kept, but arrangements have been made to accommodate those scholars in a school in Camden who wished to attend school longer, at less than a quarter of the expense of continuing our own school.

The number of scholars in the city April 1st, 1872, according to the Agent's report, was 2522.

The whole number of scholars who have attended school in the city any part of the year, cannot easily be ascertained, but a number approximating it, obtained by adding the greatest numbers registered in the several schools for the year, is 1588, though this must fall somewhat short of the true number.

The average number registered for the year,	1455
The whole number attending summer term,	1465
The whole number attending winter term,	1441
Average number attending summer term,	1123
Average number attending winter term,	1183
Per cent. of average attendance to the whole number in the city,	46
Per cent. of average attendance to average number registered,	79
The amount expended for schools the past year,	\$13,323.73
The amount expended for new schoolhouse,	538.80

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. L. TYLER,	} <i>Superintending</i>
J. F. MERRILL,	
G. M. HICKS,	
	<i>School</i>
	<i>Committee.</i>

## TABLE.

The following table shows the number of pupils attending each school, the average number, the per cent. of average to whole number, the number not absent one half day, the number graduated from each school, and also the name of teacher and grade of the school.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

TERM.	TEACHERS.	Registered	Average Attendance	Average Per cent	Number not absent.	Graduated.
SPRING,....	A. A. Woodbridge, } Ten weeks...Julia Hills, } Laura J. Rhoades. }	90	86	95½	29	
FALL,.....	A. A. Woodbridge, } Fifteen W'ks..Julia Hills, } Laura J. Rhoades. }	86	83	97	15	
WINTER,....	A. A. Woodbridge, } Ten Weeks...Julia Hills, } Laura J. Rhoades. }	85	82	96	33	17
Average for the Year,		87	84	96		

## GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

## NUMBER ONE AND THREE.

SPRING,.....	T. H. McLain, } Ten weeks...and wife. }	93	76	82	8	
FALL,.....	T. H. McLain, } Fifteen W'ks..and wife. }	87	76	87	4	
WINTER,....	T. H. McLain } Ten weeks....and wife. }	77	72	93	4	19

## NUMBER TWO.

SPRING,.,	Louise L. Walker, } Ten W'ks..Hattie M. Bird. }	72	58	81	7	
FALL,.,.	Louise L. Walker, } 15 W'ks...Florence Marks. }	61	48	79	5	
WINTER,.,	Louise L. Walker. }	60	48	80	13	12
Ten W'ks.Florence Marks,						

## NUMBER FOUR.

SPRING....	Fannie Smart.....	44	38	86	6	
FALL.....	S. A. Mansur.....	50	42	82	9	
WINTER...	S. A. Mansur.....	54	47	87	9	1

## NUMBER FIVE.

SPRING....	S. A. Mansur.....	26	23	88	6	
FALL .....	Helen Hewett.....	28	23	82	3	
WINTER...	A. T. Low.....	34	29	85	8	1

TABLE—CONTINUED.

## NUMBER SIX.

TERM.	TEACHERS.	Registered.	Average Attendance	Average Per cent.	Number not Absent.	Graduated.
SPRING....	Love M. Norton.....	29	24	83		
FALL.....	Fannie Smart.....	27	21	77	5	
WINTER...	Fannie Smart....	31	28	90	7	5
Total for Spring Term,.....		264	219	83	27	
Total for Fall Term,.....		253	210	83	26	
Total for Winter Term,.....		256	224	87½	44	38
Average for the year,.....		257	217	84		

## INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

## NUMBER ONE.

SPRING....	Helen Hewett.....	62	42	68	5	
FALL.....	Nannie I. Burbank.....	66	50	76	7	
WINTER...	Nannie I. Burbank.....	66	55	83	7	16

## NUMBER TWO AND FOUR.

SPRING....	Addie S. Osgood, ) Inez M. Hall. ....	89	76	85	17	
FALL.....	Addie S. Osgood, ) Inez M. Hall. ....	89	77	87	14	
WINTER...	Addie S. Osgood, ) Inez M. Hall. ....	85	77	91	24	26

## NUMBER THREE.

SPRING....	Nannie I. Burbank.....	21	17	81	2	
FALL.....	Helen Lawry.....	19	15	79	1	
WINTER...	Helen Lawry.....	22	19	86	2	1

## NUMBER FIVE.

SPRING....	Abbie M. Cochran.....	66	58	88	21	
FALL.....	Abbie M. Cochran.....	67	58	87	21	
WINTER...	Abbie M. Cochran.....	59	55	93	20	19

## NUMBER SIX.

SPRING....	Carrie Packard.....	52	43	83	11	
FALL.....	Carrie Packard.....	53	48	90	8	
WINTER...	Carrie Packard.....	49	42	83	13	16
Total for Spring Term.....		290	236	85	56	
Total for Fall Term.....		294	248	84	66	
Total for Winter Term.....		281	248	88	51	78
Average for the year.....		288	244	85	58	



## TABLE—CONTINUED.

## PRIMARY SCHOOL.

TERM.	TEACHERS.	Registered.	Average Attendance	Average Per cent.	Number Not Absent.	Graduated.
NUMBER ONE—DIVISION ONE.						
SPRING....	Fannie Keating.....	53	38	72		
FALL.....	Fannie Keating.....	55	43	78		
WINTER...	Fannie Keating.....	56	44	78		10
NUMBER ONE—DIVISION TWO.						
SPRING....	Dora Heal.....	54	36	67		
FALL.....	Dora Heal.....	53	46	87		
WINTER...	Dora Heal.....	42	30	71		8
NUMBER TWO.						
SPRING....	Clara E. Lowe.....	51	35	70	2	
FALL....	Clara E. Lowe.....	61	54	88	4	
WINTER...	Clara E. Lowe.....	60	45	75	1	8
NUMBER THREE.						
SPRING....	Laura A. Hooper.....	68	56	82	20	
FALL.....	Laura A. Hooper.....	83	71	86	35	
WINTER...	Laura A. Hooper.....	80	71	89	18	12
NUMBER FOUR.						
SPRING....	Emma Shields.....	42	32	76	1	
FALL.....	Emma Shields.....	54	43	70	15	
WINTER...	Emma Shields.....	65	38	69	20	4
NUMBER FIVE—DIVISION ONE.						
SPRING....	Linnie Thorndike.....	51	37	73	7	
FALL.....	Linnie Thorndike.....	56	40	71	8	
WINTER...	Linnie Thorndike.....	49	41	68		20
NUMBER FIVE—DIVISION TWO.						
SPRING...	Ella Booker.....	60	37	62		
FALL.....	Ella Booker.....	63	43	68		
WINTER...	Ella Booker.....	50	37	74		
NUMBER SIX.						
SPRING....	Addie Harrington.....	73	60	82	5	
FALL.....	Addie Harrington.....	70	60	86	3	
WINTER...	Addie Harrington.....	63	51	78	5	10
NUMBER SEVEN.						
SPRING....	Mary C. Tyler.....	92	71	77	9	
FALL.....	Mary C. Tyler.....	100	77	77	7	
WINTER...	Mary C. Tyler.....	83	71	86	15	21
NUMBER EIGHT.						
SPRING....	Clara Hewett.....	70	56	80	11	
FALL.....	Clara Hewett.....	70	50	71		
WINTER..	Clara Hewett.....	68	52	76	3	12

TABLE—CONTINUED.

TERM.	TEACHERS.	Registered.	Average Attendance	Average Per cent.	Number Not Absent.	Graduated.
NUMBER NINE.						
SPRING....	Alda C. Brown.....	42	33	80		
FALL.....	Alda C. Brown.....	42	32	76		
WINTER....	Alda C. Brown.....	38	29	76		8
NUMBER TEN.						
SPRING....	Nettie C. Blackington.....	43	25	60	5	
FALL.....	Nettie C. Blackington.....	46	28	61	4	
WINTER....	Nettie C. Blackington....	41	30	73	5	10

## SUB PRIMARY.

NUMBER ELEVEN.						
FALL.....	Fannie Pottle.....	26	21	80		

## MIXED PRIMARY.

SPRING....	Carrie Gould.....	56	34	61	1	
Total for Spring Term.....		755	550	73	61	
Total for Fall Term.....		779	608	78	79	
Total for Winter Term.....		687	539	78.5	67	123
Average for the year.....		751	586	77	72	

## MIXED SCHOOL.

## NUMBER ONE.

SPRING....	Eben Oxtan.....	11	5	46		
WINTER...	Eben Oxtan.....	16	12	75		

## MISCELLANEOUS SCHOOL.

WINTER,.....	J. T. Young. }					
Twelve W'ks...	Helen Hewett }	116	74.3	64	6	

GOVERNMENT  
OF THE  
CITY OF ROCKLAND,  
FOR THE  
MUNICIPAL YEAR 1873-4.

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MAYOR,  
J. FRED MERRILL.  
Salary \$200.

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

WARD 1.	Geo. D. Wooster.	WARD 4.	H. H. Crie.
" 2.	John Bird.	" 5.	A. J. Eugley.
" 3.	Davis Tillson.	" 6.	I. A. Jones.

WARD 7. O. B. Ulmer.

CHAS. A. DAVIS, CITY CLERK.  
Salary, \$150.

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COMMON COUNCIL.

T. P. PIERCE, PRESIDENT.

WARD 1.	Wm. J. Thurston,	WARD 2.	E. H. Orbeton,
	Gorham Clough,		Robert Ross,
	Lysander Fales.		B. D. Thomas.

WARD 3.	J. P. Cilley, Geo. O. Payson, Jos. Frohock,	WARD 4.	R. S. Benner, T. P. Pierce, Geo. M. Brainerd.
WARD 5.	R. C. Hall, Wm. S. Wright, W. C. McIntosh.	WARD 6.	A. J. Erskine, T. J. Graves, A. K. Wheeler.
	WARD 7.	Oscar Davis, B. B. Gardiner, George Smith.	

ENOCH DAVIES, CLERK.

Salary \$100.

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### JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

*On Finance.*—Alderman Crie ; Councilmen Davis and Orbe-  
ton.

*On Accounts and Claims*—Alderman Bird ; Councilman  
Clough and Hall.

*On City Property*—Alderman Ulmer ; Councilmen Gardiner  
and McIntosh.

*On By-Laws and Police Regulations*—Alderman Ulmer ;  
Councilmen Graves and Wright.

*On Schools and Schoolhouses.*—Alderman Tillson ; Council-  
men Cilley and Erskine.

*On New Streets, Highways, Sidewalks, Drains and Sewers*—Al-  
derman Tillson ; Councilmen Thurston and Benner.

*On Fire Department*—Alderman Eugley ; Councilmen Ross  
and Brainerd.

*On Engrossed Ordinances and Resolves*—Alderman Jones ;  
Councilmen Smith and Payson.

*On Burying Grounds*—Alderman Wooster ; Councilmen Da-  
vis and Frohock.

*On Printing*—Alderman Eugley ; Councilmen Wheeler and  
Frohock.

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*Standing Committee on Liquor Agency*—E. R. Spear, Wm.  
H. Rhoades.

# CITY OFFICERS.

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JUDGE OF THE POLICE COURT,  
OLIVER G. HALL.

[Elected by the citizens, March 1870, to serve four years.]

Salary \$300.

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## OFFICERS ELECTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

*City Treasurer*—Leander Weeks. Salary \$300.

*Collector of Taxes*—Leander Weeks.

*City Marshal*—B. P. Brackley. Salary \$2.00 per day.

*City Physician*—J. H. Estabrook. Salary \$300, including all service to foreign and domestic poor, and medicines.

*Assessors*—C. R. Mallard, Robert Crockett and Freeman Harden. Salary \$500 for the Board.

*Overseers of the Poor*—Geo. S. Wiggin, S. M. Bird and I. A. Jones. Salary \$375, including expenses for team in the city.

*Superintending School Committee*—A. L. Tyler, J. Fred Merrill and G. M. Hicks. Salary \$600 for the Board.

*School Agent*—A. L. Tyler. Salary \$200.

*Road Commissioner*—Oscar Davis. Salary, \$3.00 per day.

*City Solicitor*—Chas. A. Davis. Salary \$100.

*Chief Engineer of Fire Department*—N. A. Burpee. Salary \$100.

*Assistant Engineers of Fire Department*—A. G. Thomas, W.

V. Simons, C. W. S. Cobb, Francis Tighe, Fred H. Berry, E. K. Glover and E. E. Ulmer.

*Assistant Assessors*—Thos. Colson, John T. Berry, Wm. A. Farnsworth, Jonathan White, Wm. H. Rhoades, Lysander Fales and Silas Farrington.

*Board of Health*—J. H. Estabrook, Gorham Clough and B. P. Brackley.

*Harbor Master*—H. Gregory, Jr.

*Surveyors of Lumber*—Horace Merriam, Oliver Starrett, E. K. Glover; A. Stanley, John Lindsey, Wm. H. Glover, A. Howes, N. Jones, Lewis Brewer, A. D. Lawry, M. D. Labe, E. T. Jackson, John Mehan, Sanford Starrett, C. R. Whitney, H. G. Bird, Chas. Sherer, O. A. Clark, R. C. Thomas, O. M. Lampson, A. J. Erskine, B. N. Hemenway and Robert Ross.

*Viewers and Cullers of Hoops and Staves*—W. J. Thurston, S. W. Veazie, Chas. B. Morey, G. L. Farrand, Ephm. Gay, Mark Perry, Geo. L. Snow, Ambrose Cobb, Chas. R. Whitney, H. G. Bird, H. W. Wight and C. A. Clarke.

*Fence Viewers*—Freeman Harden, E. L. Lovejoy and H. Farrand.

*Truant Officers*—A. L. Tyler, Geo. A. Bramhall, E. E. Ulmer, Enoch S. Philbrook and B. P. Brackley.

*Pound Keepers*—Lysander Fales, H. H. Ingraham, G. W. Cox and Asa Ulmer.

## OFFICERS APPOINTED BY MAYOR AND ALDERMEN.

*Measurers of Salt, Corn and Grain*—Joseph Frohock, Roscoe F. Spear and Isaiah A. Jones.

*Sealer of Weights and Measures*—Ephraim Snow.

*City Undertaker*—Silas Kalloch.

*Auctioneers*—C. R. Mallard and O. S. Andrews.

*Measurers of Wood and Bark*—Jos. Abbott, W. H. Rhoades, H. G. Bird, Geo. Gregory, J. H. Handley, Ephm. Gay, John W. Hunt, John Lindsey, Geo. L. Snow, A. S. Cobb, Jonathan Spear, E. H. Clark, A. F. Crockett, R. C. Hall, B. B. Gardiner, J. W. Ormsbee and O. M. Lampson.

*Person to seize Unlawful Coal Baskets*—B. P. Brackley.

*Liquor Agent*—Thomas T. Tate.

*Salaried Policemen*—Orlando F. Brown, (Deputy Marshal,) Cornelius Magee and Andrew J. Cunningham.

*Other Police Officers*—F. P. Witham, W. H. Mills, Ephraim Perry, Wm. H. Snow, John Lindsey, Wm. Davis, Jeremiah B. Brown, Abizer Veazie, Thomas J. Graves, Wm. H. Witham, A. J. Armstrong, J. F. Torrey and Sam'l W. Hewett.

## WARD OFFICERS.

### CONSTABLES.

WARD 1.	Ephraim Perry,	WARD 4.	E. S. McAllister.
" 2.	O. F. Brown.	" 5.	Geo. A. Bramhall.
" 3.	E. L. Lovejoy.	" 6.	A. K. Wheeler.
WARD 7. J. U. Farrington.			

### WARDENS AND CLERKS.

#### WARDENS.

WARD 1.	Lysander Fales.
" 2.	W. V. Simons.
" 3.	Wm. H. Titcomb.
" 4.	G. W. White.
" 5.	R. F. Spear.
" 6.	Mark Perry.
" 7.	E. P. Lovejoy.

#### CLERKS.

G. M. Hicks.
H. T. Beverage.
Chas. A. Davis.
Alden Crockett.
R. Anderson, Jr.
James Fernald.
G. L. Ulmer.